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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action in the form of a Restriction Requirement mailed December 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully request examination of the claims of Group II, claims 3-5 and 29-36, drawn to a method of rinsing. Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement and do not acquiesce to any statements made therein. Applicants traverse on the grounds that the claims can be examined together.

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